



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – May 26, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership



No School on Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day

**Last Day of School – Friday, May 31st
11:30 am Dismissal
(No Aftercare & No Afternoon Bus Service)**

Last Week of School

As we begin our last week of school, we look back over the year, and we are very grateful for our children and their families. This has been a year filled with faith, learning, and friendships. As this year ends, we begin to look toward summer vacation and next year. We want to wish all of you a safe and joyous summer.

Thank you to all of our students who performed in the talent show last week. We would like to offer special thanks to Mrs. Jarvis and the Student Council for all of their work organizing this special event for our students. Mr. Corbett recorded the program to share with our student performers.

We were so proud of our second graders who led our May Crowning last week. Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Kelley had prepared these children well for this beautiful, spiritual event.

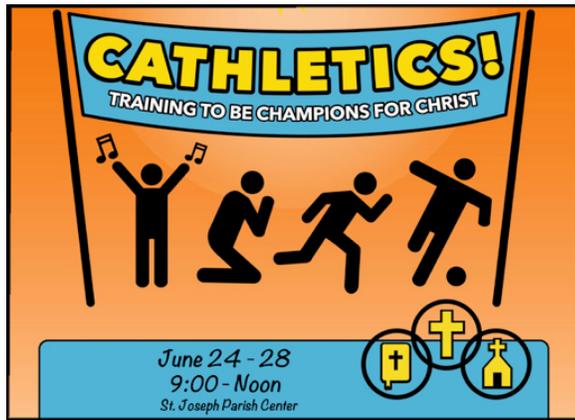
Thank you to our parents who attended the Terra Nova meetings. A school summary report was emailed to all families earlier this month. A few families requested that the information be sent again. A copy is attached to this newsletter.

Last Friday, we celebrated the graduation of our 8th grade class. Parents, family members, and staff joined our students for a brunch following the Mass and awards ceremony. Thank you to Dr. Darling for all of her work organizing these events. During the brunch, a video tribute was presented to our students. Please use the following link to view this slide show:

<https://animoto.com/play/ciGcmIAvteYugtZ06f1hSw>

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for photos of our many events:

www.facebook.com/SJCSBradenton



Bible School Registration

Have you registered for this year's summer Bible School program "Cathletics: Training to be Champions for Christ"? Bible School Week is June 24 – 28, and will run from 9:00 – Noon each day.

Registration forms are available in the school and parish offices. We are also looking for volunteers who have completed Safe Environment training and the required background check.

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP FOR BIBLE SCHOOL: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/vbs>

Accelerated Reader Celebrations



On Tuesday, we will be celebrating our 75 students who met their AR Goal for this year with two special parties. The morning party will be for grades 2 through 4, and the afternoon party will be for grades 5 through 7. Congratulations to these students who worked so hard during the school year.

Dress Down Day – Friday, May 31st

Students will be allowed to dress down and bring all outgrown, clean uniforms to school. This will give us an opportunity to sort uniforms during the summer and have them ready for next year.

Past Due Accounts & Family Volunteer Hours

Families that opted not to complete the required service hours during the 2018 – 2019 school year will be charged for unmet hours. Please make sure you have completed your volunteer form and returned it to the office to avoid this charge.

Contact must be made with Ms. Suddarth regarding any past due balances, if you need to make special arrangements and to set up a special payment plan for the summer. Report Cards will be held for any family who has not attended to past due balances. Students with unmet balances will not be permitted to return for the 2019-2020 school year.

SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

(Rising Kindergarten through Grade 8 Students)

www.ixl.com



**Practice Makes
Perfect!**



Many of our parents have asked about our Summer Learning Challenge. St. Joseph Catholic School students, who are registered for next year, will have access to IXL all summer. Please check with your child regarding login information. IXL has been used for math, language arts, science, and social studies at SJCS, in classrooms and the computer lab. Students may work at their own pace to improve or accelerate their academic skills.

Why work during the summer? On average, students lose about two months of reading/math skills during the summer according to Oxford Learning and Harvard Education. In order to ensure students do not lose imperative skills during the summer, which creates an achievement gap, we would like all students to work on the IXL program on skills that were learned throughout the school year.

Each week the top five students will be tracked for each grade level. (Watch for our weekly reports!) When school resumes in August, students who completed at least one “medal” in math and one in language arts, will enjoy an ice cream party. In addition, the top three students (most time logged for practice) will receive award medals.

Please email your child’s homeroom teacher or Ms. Suddarth at dsuddarth@sjsfl.org, if your child needs login information.

Weekly Activities

Monday, May 27

- No school in honor of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

- 9:45 am AR Celebration for Grades 2 – 4
- 12:30 pm AR Celebration for Grades 5 – 7
- NO AFTERSCHOOL GUITAR CLASS

Wednesday, May 29

- 3:00 pm Choir Pizza Party
- 3:00 pm Guitar Practice – ALL Guitar Students

Thursday, May 30

- 3:00 pm Guitar Practice - ALL Guitar Students

Friday, May 31

- 7:00 – 7:15 am All Guitar Students meet in the choir room
- 7:30 am All Choir students meet in the choir room
- 8:00 am Mass
- 11:30 am Early Dismissal
 - No Aftercare
 - No Afternoon Bus Service

Monday, August 12 – School Resumes – Have a wonderful summer!

St. Joseph Catholic School Hot
Lunch Order
May 27 – May 31
(One order per student)

Student: _____

Homeroom: _____

Grade: _____

Monday, 5/27	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	
Tuesday, 5/28	____ Corn Dogs School Favorite Broccoli with Cheese Applesauce Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Wednesday 5/29	____ Chicken Dippers Garlic Breadstick Baked Beans School Favorite Strawberry Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Thursday, 5/30	____ Max Sticks with Marinara Honey Glazed Carrots School Favorite Peach Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Friday, 5/31	<u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</u> <u>11:30 AM Dismissal</u> <u>No After Care</u>	

Have a wonderful summer!

TOTAL _____ (Charge to FACTS)

Parent Signature: _____

Terra Nova National Testing Scores 2018 - 2019

Florida public schools administer the FSA, which is a standardized norm-referenced test. Norm-referenced testing was developed in order to glean information in a quick and efficient manner. Norm-referenced testing compares the performance of the student taking the test, against the performance of the norm group. The norm-referenced group for the FSA is a representative sample of students across Florida who were tested the same year, and is based on Florida State Standards. The FSA tests students in language arts and math.

Starting this school year, the Catholic Schools in Florida use the Terra Nova Test of Basic Skills, a nationally norm-referenced test, which assesses student achievement in vocabulary, grammar, spelling, word analysis, writing, punctuation, math computation, problem solving, data interpretation, science, and social studies. The Terra Nova is norm referenced with students across the United States, is used in 42% of the schools in the United States (public and private), is the test of choice for the DOE Defense Schools, and tests students on national academic standards.

Our students were tested during March to determine their areas of strength, as well as areas for continued growth. Our teachers and administration will use this data as they review curriculum and plan for greater student achievement for next year.

Overall, St. Joseph Catholic School students performed very well on these national tests. In the chart below, the first data column indicates the percentage of students scoring at, or above, grade level. The second data column indicates the percentage of students who scored in the top quarter of the nation. The data in the third column indicates students who achieved scores in the top 10% of the nation, and the last column shows the percentage of students who scored in the top 1% nationally.

	Scoring at or Above Grade Level	<u>In the Top Quarter Nationally</u>	90th Percentile or Above in 1 or More Subjects - Top 10% Nationally	99th Percentile or Above in 1 or More Subjects - Top 1% Nationally
Grade 2	100%	75%	68%	21%
Grade 3	97%	76%	50%	15%
Grade 4	96%	74%	57%	13%
Grade 5	92%	74%	48%	12%
Grade 6	89%	84%	58%	16%
Grade 7	88%	74%	50%	25%
Grade 8	100%	73%	55%	27%
School Average	95%	76%	55%	18%

We are very proud of our teachers and students who work hard each day to continue the St. Joseph Catholic School legacy of maintaining high academic excellence.

Due to the differences in the FSA and the Terra Nova, it is difficult to compare testing results. However, it is possible to compare percentages as related to “At or Above Grade Level” performance. For the 2017-2018 school year, Manatee County Public and Charter schools reported an “At or Above Grade Level” score in language arts as 52%, and an “At or Above Grade Level” score of 57% for mathematics. (Data from Florida DOE)